

## **IDEA Fiscal Updates – 4/9/2015**

### **IDEA Entitlement Application / WISEgrants Update**

We realize districts are in the process of implementing several new initiatives this year. Districts are also in the process of developing systems and documenting procedures to meet the new Uniform Grant Guidance (Omni Circular) requirements, which goes into effect with the FY 2015-16 grants. In addition, we have received feedback from district staff who plan to retire after the 2014-15 school year and our original WISEgrants June release date was adding an unnecessary burden to those who had hoped to have 2015-16 IDEA entitlement applications submitted prior to their leaving the district.

After careful consideration, DPI has determined that keeping our current federal grant application process (both ESEA and IDEA formula grant budgets) for the 2015-16 school year better meets the existing needs of district staff. Districts will continue to apply for IDEA entitlement funds through the current application within the Special Education web portal. Software issues with the current CEIS budget and narrative will be fixed for 2015-16.

Districts who are interested in testing in the WISEgrants environment during the 2015-16 school year will be given an opportunity to do so in the upcoming months. This will allow users to become familiar with the format prior to release for the 2016-17 school year. This will also provide a broader opportunity for district users to provide feedback about the system to the WISEgrants team. Please send an e-mail to [jamie.szudy@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:jamie.szudy@dpi.wi.gov) if you are interested in participating in WISEgrants testing.